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Monthly Summary of TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND FATALITIES

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STANDARD SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In Montana

(State)

For December

1967

(Month or other period)

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons				
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Injured			
						Total	a	b	c
Motor Vehicle:									
1. Ran off road	340	8	122	210	10	169	65	68	36
2. Overturned on road	14		5	9		5	1	2	1
3. Pedestrian	16	2	14		2	16	2	8	6
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	1112	6	253	853	9	393	94	145	154
5. Parked motor vehicle	138	2	13	123	2	17	5	11	1
6. Railroad train	8	2	1	5	3	1		1	
7. Bicyclist									
8. Animal	45		5	40		7	2	5	
9. Fixed object	153	3	50	100	7	71	28	28	15
10. Other object	5	1	1	3	1	1		1	
11. Other non-collision									
12. Misc.	1			1					
Totals	1832	24	464	1344	34	680	197	270	213

Note: The three categories of injuries follow the Manual of Uniform Definitions of Motor Vehicle Accidents.

a. Bleeding wound, dislocated member, or any condition that required victim be carried from the scene.

b. Other visible injuries such as bruises, abrasions, swelling, limping, or other painful movement.

c. Complaint of pain, without visible signs of injury, or momentary unconsciousness.

SUMMARY OF Statewide ACCIDENTS

Locally reportable accidents are those involving death, bodily injury or property damage of \$100.00 or more.

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This summary includes reports and information available on

March 21, 1968

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2A. COMPARATIVE TOTALS	Same Month Last Year			This Year to Date			Same Period Last Year			Change Cumulative Death Record
	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	
Motor Vehicle:										
1. Ran off road	375	6	219	3621	126	2532	5407	98	2344	+29
2. Overturned on road	11		8	175	4	134	138	2	95	+100
3. Pedestrian	23	1	23	209	18	200	215	28	197	-36
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	888	5	314	8353	122	3987	8570	96	3774	+27
5. Parked motor vehicle	111	1	26	1083	4	215	1169	6	242	-53
6. Railroad train	9		3	50	14	23	52	5	36	+180
7. Bicyclist	1		2	65	1	67	94	2	97	-100
8. Animal	61		7	909	2	140	832	4	123	-50
9. Fixed object	110	3	50	1126	24	557	1048	28	467	-14
10. Other object	2		1	72	2	24	20	2	17	NO
11. Other non-collision				9	1	10	11		5	+Inf
12. Misc.	4			25	1	5	95	5	37	-80
Totals	1595	16	653	15697	319	7844	15734	276	7454	+16

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year To Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	319	285	+16
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)	4234	3895	+9
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicles-miles	7.5	7.3	+29
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicles-miles	6.1	6.0	+17
5. Fatal accidents	260	236	+10

3. LOCATION	A. Trafficways Administered by Governmental Agencies State Highway Dept., counties, cities, towns, villages, etc.						B. Trafficways Administered by Independent Agencies Tarpis, railway, military, library authorities and commissions, etc.					
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5. 100,000 to 250,000												
6. 250,000 or more												
7. Total urban	942	2	197	743	2	261						
RURAL: All locations other than those above.												
1. Controlled access highway	237	11	71	155	20	123						
2. State routes & U.S.	585	8	110	267	8	167						
3. County routes	268	3	86	179	4	129						
4. Other												
5. Not stated												
Total rural	890	22	267	601	32	419						
Total urban and rural	1832	24	464	1344	34	680						

5. TIME	Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Not stated	
	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
Before Noon																		
0. Midnight	71	5	6		2		6		4		8	1	22	1	23	1		
1. 1:00	48		6		2				3		7	1	14		16			
2. 2:00	61		4		3		2		1		9		16		26			
3. 3:00	15	1	2				1		1		2		5	1	4			
4. 4:00	10	1			1				1	1	2		5		4			
5. 5:00	7	1	1		1	1					1		3		1			
6. 6:00	22		2		3				4		5		3		4			
7. 7:00	37	1	6		8		5	1	4		8		5		1			
8. 8:00	73		8		9		8		14		21		10		3			
9. 9:00	72	1	11	1	7		8		10		9		13		14			
10. 10:00	87	1	8		7		16		11		7	1	22		16			
11. 11:00	92		11		6		14		13		9		23		16			
12. Noon	133	1	15		17		16		14		24		23	1	24			
13. 1:00	124	1	8		12		17		16		24		28	1	19			
14. 2:00	121		16		11		11		10		22		30		21			
15. 3:00	149	2	17		13		19	1	17		27		27		29	1		
16. 4:00	122		12		18				14		29		19		13			
17. 5:00	128	2	11		20	1	18		16		27		18		18	1		
18. 6:00	85	2	9		9	1	10		9		18		19		11	1		
19. 7:00	88	1	8		12		6		13	1	19		19		11			
20. 8:00	71	3	8		4	1	8		7	1	16		15	1	13			
21. 9:00	78		7		6										10			
22. 10:00	71	1	4		7		9		7		17		16	1	11			
23. 11:00	66	1	5		2		9		7		18		18	1	7			
24. Not stated	1														1			
Totals	1832	24	185	1	180	4	208	2	205	3	355	3	383	7	316	4		

4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed								Number of Persons Injured							
	Total killed				Pedestrians				Total injured				Pedestrians			
	Total	Male	Female		Total	Male	Female		Total	Male	Female		Total	Male	Female	
1. 0 to 4									12	7	5					
2. 5 to 9	1	1							19	11	8		5	4	1	
3. 10 to 14									22	8	14		1			
4. 15 to 19	5	5							155	106	49		1	1		
5. 20 to 24	8	6	2						115	75	40					
6. 25 to 34	3	2	1	1	1				106	69	37					
7. 35 to 44	4	4							85	50	35		2	1	1	
8. 45 to 54	8	7	1						77	46	31		1		1	
9. 55 to 64	3	2		1	1				58	31	27		1		1	
10. 65 to 74	1								21	10	11		1			
11. 75 & older	1	1			1	1			8	5	3		1		1	
12. Not stated									4	4			1	1		
Totals	34	29	5	3	3				600	422	258		14	8	6	

6 DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS - An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road

A. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Entering at angle	395		27	308
2a. From same direction - both going straight	11		1	10
b. Same - one turn, one straight	36		4	32
c. Same - one stopped	78		20	28
d. Same - all others				
3a. From opposite direction - both going straight	5		1	4
b. Same - one left turn, one straight	94		15	84
c. Same - all others				
4. Not stated				
Totals	619		126	493

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Going opposite direction - both moving	119		38	75
2. Going same direction - both moving	152		32	113
3a. One car parked	138	2	13	123
b. One car stopped in traffic	145		37	108
4a. One car entering parked position	1		1	
b. One car leaving parked position	32		4	28
5a. One car entering alley or driveway	9		2	7
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	35		6	29
6. All others	1			1
7. Not stated				
Totals	632	8	159	485

C. PEOESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrian Accidents	Total	Intersection	Non-Intersection	Total	Intersection	Non-Intersection
1. Car going straight	14	2		2	22	2	10
2. Car turning right							
3. Car turning left	2				2		
4. Car backing							
5. All others							
6. Not stated							
Totals	16	2		2	14	4	10

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.				
2. Fixed object in road	20		7	13
3. Overturned in road	1		1	
4. Left road	17	1	9	7
5. Non-motor vehicle, train, bicycle, etc.	8		1	5
6. Fixed object in road	154	3	45	86
7. Overturned in road	12		3	9
8. Left road	140	5	55	90
9. Straight road	183	2	58	123
10. Fall from moving vehicle				
11. All others	50	1	6	43
12. Not stated				
Totals	565	14	125	266

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured										
	Pedestrians Killed	Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated
1a. Crossing or entering roadway - at intersection											
b. Same - not at intersection	1	7			1			2	1	2	1
2a. Walking in roadway - with traffic		7		5					2		
b. Same - against traffic											
3. Standing in roadway											
4. Getting on or off of other vehicle	1	1								1	
5. Pushing or working on vehicle in roadway											
6. Other working in roadway											
7. Playing in roadway											
8. Other in roadway											
9. Not in roadway		1				1					
10. Not stated											
Totals	2	16		5	1	1		2	3	3	1

8 AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	111		23
2. 16	162		41
3. 17	309	3	77
4. 18 to 19	516	3	138
5. 20 to 24	592	6	148
6. 25 to 34	476	5	117
7. 35 to 44	287	7	90
8. 45 to 54	269	3	58
9. 55 to 64	99		27
10. 65 to 74	44		5
11. 75 & older			
12. Not stated	55	3	13
Totals	3000	30	740

9 SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	2325	27	574
2. Female	675	3	166
3. Not stated			
Totals	3000	30	740

10 RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Rural residence	2486	14	600
2. Residing elsewhere in state	317	10	82
3. Non-resident of state	194	4	57
4. Not stated	5	2	1
Totals	3000	30	740

12 TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	2674	18	635
2. Passenger car and trailer	9		1
3. Truck or truck tractor	407	9	96
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	25	4	9
5. Other truck combination	32	2	11
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.			
7. Taxis	9		3
8. Bus	1		
9. School bus	6		2
10. Motorcycle	5		5
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated	1		
Totals	3169	33	762

Special vehicles included above			
12. Emergency (including privately owned)			
14. Military vehicles	3		
15. Other publicly owned vehicles	6	1	1

13. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	447	14	149
2. Wet	71	1	20
3. Snowy or icy	1310	9	295
4. Other	3		
5. Not stated	1		
Totals	1832	24	464

14. KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Building	931		194
2. Not building	901	24	270
3. Not stated			
Totals	1832	24	464

15. LIGHT CONITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	972	7	204
2. Dawn or dusk	64	1	13
3. Darkness	796	16	247
4. Not stated			
Totals	1832	24	464

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports

11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	440	8	139
2. Failed to yield right of way	228		63
3. Drove left of center	32	3	13
4. Improper overtaking	10		3
5. Passed stop sign			
6. Obeyed traffic signal	25		6
7. Followed too closely	43		8
8. Made improper turn	22		2
9. Other improper driving	32		12
10. Inadequate brakes	11		4
11. Improper lights	3		2
12. Had been drinking	23	4	7
Totals	869	15	259

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF Statewide

ACCIDENTS

PERIOD December 1967

Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Clear	1179	16	314
3. Raining	51	1	14
4. Snowing	435	3	95
5. Fog	13	4	4
6. Other	154	4	37
Total	1832	24	464

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Straight road—level	1237	16	299
3. Straight road—hillcrest	34		8
4. Straight road—on grade	290	1	82
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	107	5	29
7. Curve—hillcrest	7		2
8. Curve—on grade	120	2	37
9. Curve—not stated	37		7
Total	1832	24	464

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	499	1	124
2. Farmers or farm laborers	148	1	43
3. Students	669	2	167
4. Sales persons	84		23
5. Commercial drivers	162	6	44
6. Military personnel	117	1	30
7. Housewives & domestic servants	394	3	86
8. Retired & pensioners	116		29
9. All other workers	811	16	194
Total	3000	30	740

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	130	8	34
2. Received classroom training in school	6		2
3. Received behind the wheel training	2		
4. Received both classes of training	259	1	68
5. No driver training	1577	21	445
Total	1974	30	549

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. HBD—obviously drunk	16	2	9
3. HBD—ability impaired	29	4	10
4. HBD—ability not impaired	33	1	18
5. HBD—not known if impaired	42	1	16
6. Had not been drinking	122	3	66
7. Not known if drinking	1665	14	401
Total	1974	30	549

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders	11		3
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	18		2
4. Loose material on surface	38	1	16
5. Under construction or repair	5		2
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet	1		1
7. Other	40		15
8. No defects	1099	23	311
Total	1212	24	350

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	386	4	72
2. Equipped with in use	448		94
3. Equipped with not in use	986	11	252
4. Not equipped with	1180	15	322
Total	3000	30	740
1. Not stated	1518	5	254
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.	230	7	145
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	113		45
4. SB did not or could not have helped	1339	18	296
Total	3000	30	740

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	879	15	269
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	333	9	81
3. Not stated			
Total	1212	24	350
1. Not stated	301	5	72
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	135	10	69
3. Exceeding safe speed limit			
4. Exceeding safe speed limit Not exceeding legal speed limit			
5. No speed violation	55		28
Total	1600	18	399
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination	2091	33	568
2. Hit & run accidents	26	2	13
	3	2	1

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2. Overturned on road	1			1				
3. Pedestrian	12	2	10		2	12	1	6
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	738		148	590		201	31	75
5. Parked motor vehicle	108		9	99		11	5	5
6. Railroad train								
7. Bicyclist								
8. Animal								
9. Fixed object	67		23	44		27	8	10
10. Other object								
11. Other non-collision								
12.								
Totals	942	2	197	743	2	261	48	103

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5. Parked motor vehicle	83		20	840		167	911	3	187	-100
6. Railroad train	3		1	16	2	7	15		10	+Inf.
7. Bicyclist	1		2	48		50	69	1	72	-100
8. Animal				3		2	3		1	NC
9. Fixed object	48	2	21	433	6	217	348	4	125	+50
10. Other object				1		1	4		3	NC
11. Other non-collision	1			3		2	8		5	NC
12.				1			11	3	6	-100
Totals	715	3	233	6637	28	2604	7025	32	2460	-13

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Before Noon																		
0. Midnight	28		3		1		2		3		4		9		6			
1. 1:00	18		2		1				1		2		4		8			
2. 2:00	30		1		2				1		4		11		11			
3. 3:00	4	1																
4. 4:00	3												3	1	1			
5. 5:00	2												2		2			
6. 6:00	4												1		1			
7. 7:00	18		1		5		2		1		1		1		1			
8. 8:00	45		4		4		3		13		17		2		2			
9. 9:00	34		8		5		5		4		4		5		3			
10. 10:00	41		4		4		7		4		2		13		7			
11. 11:00	48		7		3		8		7		5		12		6			
12. Noon	76		7		11		7		11		16		16		8			
13. 1:00	75		5		5		11		11		16		17		10			
14. 2:00	61		10		7		6		4		13		12		9			
15. 3:00	97		11		9		12		12		19		14		20			
16. 4:00	69		7		11		8		10		14		13		6			
17. 5:00	62		6		8		9		9		18		6		6			
18. 6:00	35	1	3		2		4		5		6		8		7	1		
19. 7:00	42		5		8		3		4		13		7		2			
20. 8:00	41		6		3		4		4		10		8		6			
21. 9:00	26		3		3		3		7		10		8		2			
22. 10:00	38		3		3		3		4		12		8		5			
23. 11:00	35		3		2		5		2		8		10		5			
24. Not stated																		
Totals	942	2	99		97		102		121		198		191	1	134	1		

4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Total killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Total injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1. 0 to 4										3	2	1						
2. 5 to 9										7	3	4	4	3	1			
3. 10 to 14										6	2	4	1	4				
4. 15 to 19										67	42	25						
5. 20 to 24										39	27	12						
6. 25 to 34										41	23	18						
7. 35 to 44										34	18	16	1		1			
8. 45 to 54										32	13	19	1		1			
9. 55 to 64	1	1		1	1					20	10	10						
10. 65 to 74										5		5	1		1			
11. 75 & older	1	1		1	1					4	2	2			1			
12. Not stated										5	3	2	1	1				
Totals	2	2		2	2					61	145	116	10	5	5			

6. DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS - An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road

A TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Crossing at angle	310		67	243
2a. From same direction - both going straight	11		1	10
b. Same - one left, one straight	36		4	32
c. Same - one stopped	78		20	58
d. Same - all others				
3a. From opposite direction - both going straight	5		1	4
b. Same - one left turn, one straight	62		11	51
c. Same - all others				
4. Not stated				
Totals	522		104	418

B. TWO MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Going opposite direction - both moving	35		9	26
2. Going same direction - both moving	44		10	34
3a. One car parked	108		9	99
b. One car stopped in traffic	76		16	60
4a. One car entering parked position	1		1	
b. One car leaving parked position	22		4	18
5a. One car entering alley or driveway	9		2	7
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	27		5	22
6. All others				
7. Not stated				
Totals	324		53	271

C PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Car going straight	11	2	2	7
2. Car turning right				
3. Car turning left	1		1	
4. Car backing				
5. All others				
6. Not stated				
Totals	12	2	2	7

D ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Non-motor vehicle - train, bicycle, etc.				
2. Fixed object in road	20		7	13
3. Overturned in road				
4. Left road	4		2	2
5. Non-motor vehicle - train, bicycle, etc.				
6. Fixed object in road	47		16	31
7. Overturned in road	1		1	
8. All curves	7		4	3
9. Single road	5		1	4
10. Fall from moving vehicle				
11. All others				
12. Not stated				
Totals	84		30	54

7. PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Pedestrians Killed	Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated
1a. Crossing or entering roadway - at intersection										
b. Same - not at intersection	1	6								
2a. Walking in roadway - with traffic		5		4	1					
b. Same - against traffic										
3. Standing in roadway										
4. Getting on or off other vehicle	1	1							1	
5. Pushing or walking on vehicle in roadway										
6. Other walking in roadway										
7. Playing in roadway										
8. Other in roadway										
9. Not in roadway										
10. Not stated										
Totals	2	12		4	1		1	2	3	1

8 AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	77		15
2. 16	109		25
3. 17	195		47
4. 18 to 19	294		68
5. 20 to 24	517		66
6. 25 to 34	272		56
7. 35 to 44	190		40
8. 45 to 54	145		24
9. 55 to 64	53		8
10. 65 to 74	32		4
11. 75 & older			
12. Not stated	29	2	5
Totals	1713	2	358

9 SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	1221	2	250
2. Female	462		108
3. Not stated			
Totals	1713	2	358

10 RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Resident	1600		337
2. Resident elsewhere in state	64		11
3. Resident out of state	47		10
4. Not stated	2	2	
Totals	1713	2	358

12 TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	1625		327
2. Passenger car and trailer	5		
3. Truck or truck tractor	190	2	42
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	8		1
5. Other truck combination	1		
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.			
7. Tractor	8		2
8. Bus	1		
9. School bus	3		
10. Motorcycle	4		4
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Other and not stated	1		
Totals	1846	2	376

13. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	202	1	58
2. Wet	30		8
3. Snow or ice	709	1	131
4. Other			
5. Not stated	1		
Totals	942	2	197

14 KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Built-up	924		192
2. Not built-up	16	2	5
3. Not stated			
Totals	942	2	197

15. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	552		93
2. Dawn or dusk	20		5
3. Darkness	370	2	99
4. Not stated			
Totals	942	2	197

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports

11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	204		46
2. Failed to yield right of way	162		43
3. Drove left of center	2		1
4. Improper overtaking	3		1
5. Passed stop sign			
6. Disregarded traffic signal	21		3
7. Followed too closely	26		2
8. Made improper turn	17		2
9. Other improper driving	11		2
10. Inadequate brakes	4		1
11. Improper lights	1		1
12. Had been drinking	10		4
Totals	481		106

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF Urban

ACCIDENTS

PERIOD December 1967

Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Clear	656	2	152
3. Raining	12	2	2
4. Snowing	220		35
5. Fog	2		
6. Other	52		8
Total	942	2	197

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Straight road—level	733	2	159
3. Straight road—hillcrest	10		
4. Straight road—on grade	145		31
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	27		3
7. Curve—hillcrest			
8. Curve—on grade	19		4
9. Curve—not stated	8		
Total	942	2	197

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	331		76
2. Farmers or farm laborers	39		5
3. Students	457		102
4. Sales persons	49		8
5. Commercial drivers	66		8
6. Military personnel	63		11
7. Housewives & domestic servants	257		54
8. Retired & pensioners	69		10
9. All other workers	402	2	84
Total	1713	2	358

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	76	2	19
2. Received classroom training in school	3		
3. Received behind the wheel training	1		
4. Received both classes of training	146		34
5. No driver training	850		183
Total	1076	2	236

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	14	2	8
2. HBD—obviously drunk	11		4
3. HBD—ability impaired	7		1
4. HBD—ability not impaired	19		7
5. HBD—not known if impaired	35		17
6. Had not been drinking	976		194
7. Not known if drinking	14		5
Total	1076	2	236

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders			
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	10		
4. Loose material on surface	8		2
5. Under construction or repair	1		
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet	1		1
7. Other	5		1
8. No defects	565	2	125
Total	590	2	129

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated	182	2	35
2. Equipped with in use	232		33
3. Equipped with not in use	647		133
4. Not equipped with	652		157
Total	1713	2	358
1. Not stated	776	2	147
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.			20
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	7		4
4. SB did not or could not have helped	907		187
Total	1713	2	358

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	482		107
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	108	2	22
3. Not stated			
Total	590	2	129
1. Not stated	213	2	44
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	32		14
3. Exceeding safe speed limit			
4. Exceeding safe speed limit	13		6
5. Not exceeding legal speed limit	911		188
5. No speed violation	1169	2	252
Total	1169	2	252
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination	11		5
2. Hit & run accidents			



STANDARD SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

In Montana (State) For December (Month or other period) 1967

1. TYPE OF ACCIDENT	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons				
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Total Killed	Injured			
						Total	a	b	c
Motor Vehicle:									
1. Ran off road	324	8	115	201	10	159	62	61	36
2. Overturned on road	13		5	8		5	1	3	1
3. Pedestrian	4		4			4	1	2	1
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	374	6	105	263	9	192	63	70	59
5. Parked motor vehicle	30	2	4	24	2	6		6	
6. Railroad train	8	2	1	5	3	1		1	
7. Bicyclist									
8. Animal	45		5	40		7	2	5	
9. Fixed object	86	3	27	56	7	44	20	18	6
10. Other object	5	1	1	3	1	1		1	
11. Other non-collision									
12. Misc.	1			1					
Totals	890	22	267	601	32	419	149	167	103

SUMMARY OF Rural ACCIDENTS

Locally responsible accidents are those involving death, bodily injury or property damage of \$100.00 or more

☐ In the accident

☒ To the property of one person

This summary includes reports and information available on

March 21, 1968

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2A. COMPARATIVE TOTALS	Same Month Last Year			This Year to Date			Same Period Last Year			Change Cumulative Death Record
	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	All accidents	Persons killed	Persons injured	
1. Ran off road	358	6	208	3477	124	2441	3317	98	2247	+ 27 %
2. Overturned on road	11		8	163	4	122	125	2	82	+100 %
3. Pedestrian	4		4	50	5	50	58	16	49	- 69 %
4. Motor vehicle in traffic	345	5	155	3376	117	2081	3254	87	1981	+ 34 %
5. Parked motor vehicle	28	1	6	243	4	48	258	3	55	+ 33 %
6. Railroad train	6		2	34	12	16	37	5	26	+ 71 %
7. Bicyclist				17	1	17	25	1	25	NC %
8. Animal	61		7	903	2	138	832	4	122	- 50 %
9. Fixed object	62	1	29	696	18	340	700	24	362	- 25 %
10. Other object	1		1	71	2	23	15	2	14	NC %
11. Other non-collision				6	1	8	4			+inf %
12. Misc.	4			24	1	6	84	2	31	-100 %
Totals	880	13	420	9060	291	5290	8709	244	4994	+ 19 %

2B. MILEAGE RATES	This Year To Date	Last Year Same Period	Percent Change
1. Motor vehicle traffic deaths	291	244	+ 19 %
2. Estimated motor vehicle mileage traveled (millions)		NA	
3. Death rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles		NA	
4. Fatal accident rate per 100,000,000 vehicle-miles			
5. Fatal Accidents	236	200	+ 18 %

3. LOCATION	A. Trafficways Administered by Governmental Agencies: State Highway Dept., counties, cities, towns, villages, etc.						B. Trafficways Administered by Independent Agencies: Turnpike, parkway, military, freeway authorities and commissions, etc.					
	Number of Accidents				Number of Persons		Number of Accidents				Number of Persons	
	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Killed	Injured	Total	Fatal	Non-Fatal	Property Damage	Killed	Injured
URBAN: All incorporated places of 2500 or more people and all areas classified as urban by Federal law (incorporated in 1960 or later)												
1. 2,500 to 10,000												
2. 10,000 to 25,000												
3. 25,000 to 50,000												
4. 50,000 to 100,000												
5. 100,000 to 250,000												
6. 250,000 or more												
7.												
8.												
Total urban												
RURAL: All locations other than those above												
1. Controlled access highway	237	11	71	155	20	123						
2. State routes & U.S.	385	8	110	267	8	167						
3. County routes	268	3	86	179	4	129						
4. Other												
5. Not stated												
Total rural	890	22	267	601	32	419						
Total urban and rural												

5. TIME	Total		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Not stated	
	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal	All	Fatal
	How beginning																	
0. Midnight	43	3	3		1		4		1		4	1	13	1	17	1		
1. 1:00	30	1	4		1				2		5	1	10		8			
2. 2:00	31		3		1		2				5		5		15			
3. 3:00	11		2				1		1		2		2		3			
4. 4:00	7	1			1				1	1	2		1		2			
5. 5:00	5	1	1		1	1					1		1		1			
6. 6:00	18		2		3				3		4		3		3			
7. 7:00	19	1	5		3		3	1			4		4					
8. 8:00	28		4		5		5		1		4		8		1			
9. 9:00	38	1	3	1	2		3		6		5		8		11			
10. 10:00	46	1	4		3		9		7		5	1	9		9			
11. 11:00	44		4		3		6		6		4		11		10			
12. Noon	57	1	8		6		9		3		8		7	1	16			
13. 1:00	49	1	3		7		6		5		8		11	1	9			
14. 2:00	60		6		4		5		6		9		18		12			
15. 3:00	52	2	6		4		7	1	5		8		13		9	1		
16. 4:00	53		5		7		9		4		15		6		7			
17. 5:00	66	2	5		12	1	9		7		9		12		12	1		
18. 6:00	50	1	6		7	1	6		4		12		11		4			
19. 7:00	46	1	3		4		3		9	1	6		12		7			
20. 8:00	30	3	2		1	1	4		3	1	6		7	1	9			
21. 9:00	42		4		3		5		2		16		4		8			
22. 10:00	33	1	1		4		6		3		5		8	1	6			
23. 11:00	31	1	2				4		5		10		8	1	2			
24. Not stated	1																	
Totals	890	22	86	1	83	4	106	2	84	3	157	3	192	6	182	3		

4 AGE OF CASUALTY	Number of Persons Killed									Number of Persons Injured								
	Total killed			Pedestrians			Bicyclists			Total injured			Pedestrians			Bicyclists		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
1 0 to 4										9	5	4						
2 5 to 9	1	1								12	8	4	1		1			
3 10 to 14										16	6	10						
4 15 to 19	5	5								88	64	24	1		1			
5 20 to 24	8	6	2							76	48	28						
6 25 to 34	9	2	1	1	1					63	46	19						
7 35 to 44	4	4								49	32	17	1		1			
8 45 to 54	8	7	1							45	33	12						
9 55 to 64	2	2								38	21	17	1			1		
10 65 to 74	1		1							16	10	6						
11 75 & older										4	3	1						
12 Not stated										1	1							
Totals	32	27	5	1	1					419	277	142	4		3	1		

6 DIRECTIONAL ANALYSIS - An accident consisting of a series of collisions, overturning, etc., is classified according to the first event on the road

A. TWD MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Leaving at angle	85		20	65
2a. From same direction - both going straight				
b. Same - one hurt, one straight				
c. Same - one stopped				
d. Same - all others				
3a. From opposite direction - both going straight				
b. Same - one left turn, one straight	12		2	10
c. Same - all others				
d. Not stated				
Totals	97		22	75

B. TWD MOTOR VEHICLE ACC.	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Going opposite direction - both moving	84	6	29	49
2. Going same direction - both moving	108		29	79
3a. One car parked	30	2	4	24
b. One car stopped in traffic	67		21	46
4a. One car entering parked position				
b. One car entering alley or driveway	10			10
5a. One car leaving alley or driveway				
b. One car leaving alley or driveway	8		3	5
d. All others	1			1
7. Not stated				
Totals	308	8	86	214

C. PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENTS	All Pedestrian Accidents	Fatal Accidents		Non-Fatal Injury Accidents	
		Total	Intersection	Total	Intersection
1. Car going straight	3			3	
2. Car turning right					
3. Car turning left	1			1	
4. Car backing					
5. All others					
6. Not stated					
Totals	4			4	

D. ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	Total	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents	Property Damage Acc.
1. Non-motor vehicle - main, bicycle, etc.				
2. Fixed object in road				
3. Overturned in road	1		1	
4. Left road	13		7	
5. Non-motor vehicle - main, bicycle, etc.	8	2	1	
6. Fixed object in road	87	3	49	55
7. Overturned in road	11		5	
8. At curve	133	5	51	77
9. Straight road	178	2	57	119
10. Fall from moving vehicle				
11. All others	50	1	6	43
12. Not stated				
Totals	481	14	155	312

7 PEDESTRIAN ACTIONS BY AGE	Ages of Pedestrians Killed and Injured									
	Total	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 44	45 to 64	65 & Older	Not Stated
1. Crossing or entering roadway at intersection		1						1		
2a. Walking in roadway - with traffic	2		1					1		
b. Same - against traffic										
3. Standing in roadway										
4. Gaming on or at all other vehicle										
5. Pushing or working on vehicle in roadway										
6. Other working in roadway										
7. Playing in roadway										
8. Other in roadway										
9. Not in roadway	1				1					
10. Not stated										
Totals	4		1		1			1		

Drivers of vehicles in proper parking locations are included			
8 AGE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. 15 & younger	34		8
2. 16	53		16
3. 17	114	3	30
4. 18 to 19	222	3	70
5. 20 to 24	275	6	82
6. 25 to 34	204	5	61
7. 35 to 44	177	7	50
8. 45 to 54	124	5	34
9. 55 to 64	46		19
10. 65 to 74	12		4
11. 75 & older			
12. Not stated	26	1	8
Totals	1287	28	382

Drivers of vehicles in proper parking locations are included			
9 SEX OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Male	1074	25	324
2. Female	213	3	58
3. Not stated			
Totals	1287	28	382

Drivers of vehicles in proper parking locations are included			
10 RESIDENCE OF DRIVER	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Rural residence	886	14	263
2. Residing elsewhere in state	253	10	71
3. Residing in city	147	4	47
4. Not stated	1		
Totals	1287	28	382

Vehicles in proper parking locations are included			
12 TYPE OF VEHICLE	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Passenger car	1049	18	308
2. Passenger car and trailer	4		1
3. Truck or truck tractor	217	7	54
4. Truck tractor and semi-trailer	17	4	8
5. Other truck combination	31	2	11
6. Farm tractor and/or farm equip.	1		1
7. Trolley			
8. Bus			
9. School bus	3		2
10. Motorcycle	1		1
11. Motor scooter or motor bicycle			
12. Others and not stated			
Totals	1323	31	386

Special vehicles included above			
13. Emergency (including privately owned)			
14. Military vehicles			
15. Other publicly owned vehicles	6	1	1

Road Surface Condition			
13. ROAD SURFACE CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Dry	245	13	91
2. Wet	41	1	12
3. Snowy or icy	601	8	164
4. Other	3		
5. Not stated			
Totals	890	22	267

Kind of Location			
14. KIND OF LOCATION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Built-up	7		2
2. Not built-up	883	22	265
3. Not stated			
Totals	890	22	267

Light Condition			
15. LIGHT CONDITION	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Daylight	420	7	111
2. Dawn or dusk	44	1	8
3. Darkness	426	14	148
4. Not stated			
Totals	890	22	267

Contributing Circumstances (Table 11) compiled only from police reports.

Contributing Circumstances Indicated			
11. CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES INDICATED	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Speed too fast	236	8	93
2. Failed to yield right of way	46		20
3. Drove left of center	30	3	12
4. Improper overtaking	7		2
5. Passed stop sign			
6. Displayed traffic signal	4		3
7. Followed too closely	17		6
8. Other improper driving	5		
9. Inadequate brakes	21		10
10. Inadequate brakes	7		3
11. Improper lights	2		1
12. Had beer drinking	13	4	3
Totals	388	15	153

SUMMARY OF MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN MONTANA

SUMMARY REPORT OF Rural

ACCIDENTS

PERIOD December 1967

Weather	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Clear	523	14	162
3. Raining	39	1	12
4. Snowing	215	3	60
5. Fog	11		4
6. Other	102	4	29
Total	890	22	267

Character of Road	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Straight road—level	504	14	140
3. Straight road—hillcrest	24		8
4. Straight road—on grade	145	1	51
5. Straight road—not stated			
6. Curve—level	80	5	26
7. Curve—hillcrest	7		2
8. Curve—on grade	101	2	33
9. Curve—not stated	29		7
Total	890	22	267

Occupation of Driver	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Professional or business man	168	1	48
2. Farmers or farm laborers	109	1	38
3. Students	232	2	65
4. Sales persons	35		15
5. Commercial drivers	96	6	36
6. Military personnel	54	1	19
7. Housewives & domestic servants	137	3	32
8. Retired & pensioners	47		19
9. All other workers	409	14	110
Total	1287	28	382

The following information is obtained from investigated accidents only

Driver Training	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Received classroom training in school	54	6	15
3. Received behind the wheel training	3		2
4. Received both classes of training	113	1	34
5. No driver training	727	21	262
Total	898	28	313

Driver Sobriety	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. HBD—obviously drunk	2		1
3. HBD—ability impaired	18	4	6
4. HBD—ability not impaired	26	1	17
5. HBD—not known if impaired	23	1	9
6. Had not been drinking	87	3	49
7. Not known if drinking	689	14	207
Total	898	28	313

Road Defects	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Defective shoulders	11		3
3. Holes, deep ruts, bumps	8		2
4. Loose material on surface	30	1	14
5. Under construction or repair	4		2
6. Surface oily, slippery when wet			
7. Other	35		14
8. No defects	534	21	186
Total	622	22	221

Seat Belt Information	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Not stated			
2. Equipped with in use	204	2	37
3. Equipped with not in use	216		61
4. Not equipped with	339	11	119
Total	528	15	165
1. Not stated			
2. SB would have saved life or prevented more serious inj.	1287	28	382
3. SB saved life or prevented more serious injury	542	3	107
4. SB did not or could not have helped	207	7	125
Total	106		41
	432	18	109
	1287	28	382

Additional Accident Facts	All Accidents	Fatal Accidents	Injury Accidents
1. Accidents involving a HMV	397	15	162
2. Accidents not involving a HMV	225	7	59
3. Not stated			
Total	622	22	221
1. Not stated			
2. Exceeding stated speed limit	88	3	28
3. Exceeding safe speed limit	103	10	55
4. Exceeding safe speed limit Not exceeding legal speed limit			
5. No speed violation	42		22
Total	689	18	211
	922	31	316
1. Drivers recommended for driver license re-examination	15	2	8
2. Hit & run accidents	1		1

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